

## The *Ambition & Destiny* Newsletter

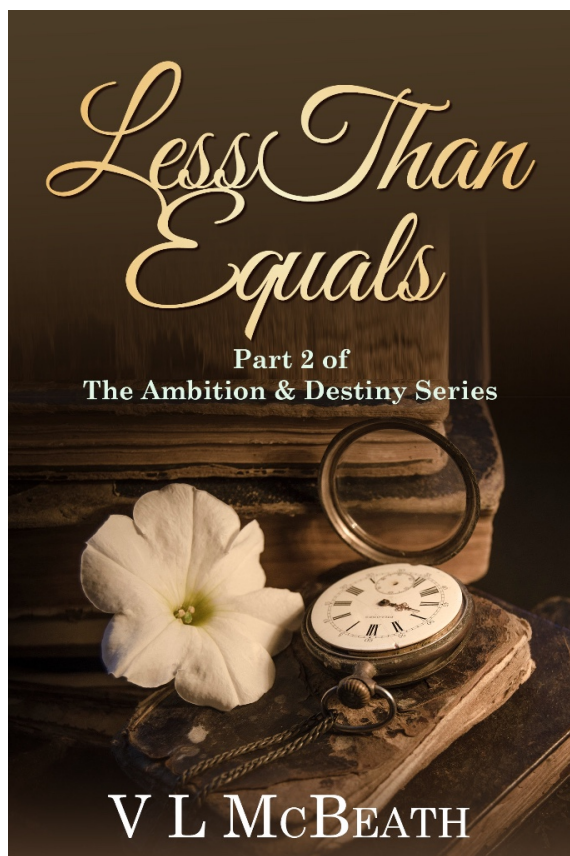
You are receiving this email following your interest in *Condemned by Fate*, (the prequel to The *Ambition & Destiny* Series)

Hi there!

With summer nearly upon us (in the UK at least), things are a little quieter this month than they have been. Hopefully, there's still enough to keep you interested!

- *Less Than Equals* Update
- Not too late to join the Advanced Review Team
- Special offers for July
- Self-Publishing Spotlight
- New character update: Harriet
- New banner for The *Ambition & Destiny* Series

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### ***Less Than Equals:*** ***Now available for pre-order!***

I'm very excited to tell you that *Less Than Equals: Part 2 of The Ambition & Destiny Series*, is now available to pre-order. If you'd like to be one of the first to get your copy, just click [here](#).

The publication date is 17th July for the digital version. The paperback should be available in August. Everyone from *Hooks & Eyes* is still around, but it introduces a major new character, Harriet. There's some background to the real-life person who inspired her at the end of the newsletter. I hope you come to love her as much as I do.

**Book Description:**

**As a family struggles for survival, one woman refuses to be another cog in the machine...**

England, Victorian Era: Harriet is desperate to escape the clutches of her abusive uncle. As an unmarried woman with few prospects, she has little choice but to live under his roof. When a charming man comes to work for them, Harriet thinks she's found her way out...

This is just the 1st paragraph. To read the rest, click [here](#).

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**It's not too late to join the Advanced Review Team**

With two weeks to go until publication, there is still time to volunteer to receive a free copy of *Less Than Equals* in exchange for an honest review.

If you've read and reviewed *Hooks & Eyes*, just reply to this email with the link to your review and I'll send you *Less Than Equals* as soon as I can.

If you still need to leave your review of *Hooks & Eyes*, just follow the link [here](#).

I look forward to hearing from you!

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**Special Offer for June****WIN a free digital copy of *Less Than Equals***

To coincide with the launch of *Less Than Equals* I'm doing a FREE PRIZE DRAW to give away FIVE digital copies of the book (with no obligation to review).

To enter just reply to this email telling me one aspect of either *Condemned by Fate* or *Hooks & Eyes* you liked.

Maybe it was a particular scene or character, perhaps it was the setting or the fact it was inspired by a true story. Anything you like.

Get your replies to me by the launch date of 17th July.

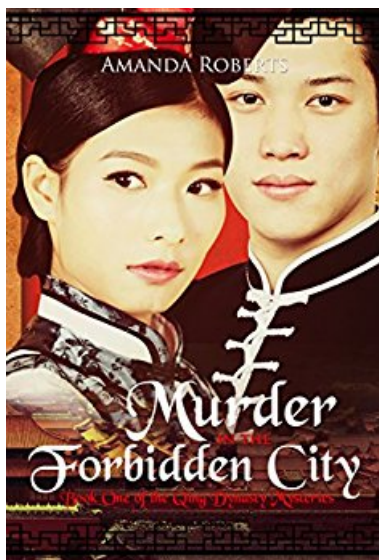
The draw will take place on 18th July.

Good luck! I look forward to hearing from you.

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**Self-Publishing Spotlight:****Murder in the Forbidden City:**

Now available to pre-order



### *Peking, 1867*

When one of the Empress's ladies-in-waiting is killed in the Forbidden City, she orders Inspector Gong to find the killer. Unfortunately, as a man, he is forbidden from entering the Inner Court. How is he supposed to solve a murder when he cannot visit the scene of the crime or talk to the women in the victim's life? He won't be able to solve this crime alone.

The widowed Lady Li is devastated when she finds out about the murder of her sister-in-law, who was serving as the Empress's lady-in-waiting. She is determined to discover who killed her, even if it means assisting the rude and obnoxious Inspector Gong and going undercover in the Forbidden City.

Together, will Lady Li and Inspector Gong be able to find the murderer before he – or she – strikes again?

Order your copy by clicking here. <http://amzn.to/2sQmrNU>

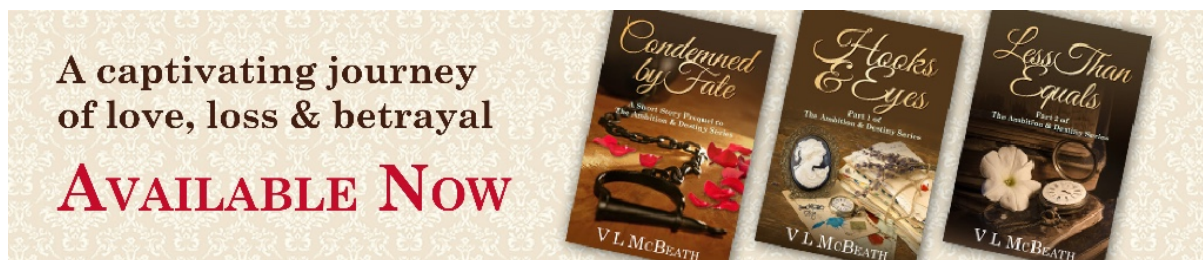
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### **Character Profile: Harriet**

The *Ambition & Destiny* Series was inspired by research into my family history. Although a lot of the storyline and all characterisation in the books is fictitious, it is based on real-life events. Harriet is one of my favorite characters. [Click here](#) to learn more about her.

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Finally this month I wanted to share the new banner for my website, Facebook and Twitter pages. If you see any of the images, please feel free to share them. Thanks!



### **Don't Forget:**

Let me know what you think of either of the 1st two books to be in with a chance of winning

a FREE copy of *Less Than Equals*.

If you happen to pre-order the book before you find out you are a winner, you will get a free copy of Part 3 instead (when it's available).

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If you know of anyone else who would be interested in the books, please ask them to visit [valmcbeath.com](http://valmcbeath.com) and sign up for the newsletter.

See you again next month

Best wishes

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